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FOR AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN

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SUBJECT: MISSION OF SPECIAL ENVOY ON ILO

1. AMBASSADOR FARKAS AND ECONOFFICER MET WITH MINISTER OF LABOR BERG TO DISCUSS HIS EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM VISIT TO THE U.S.A. ARTHUR MAXWELL, INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS BUREAU, LABOR DEPARTMENT IS THE PROGRAM OFFICER. THE ALL-IMPORTANT WASHINGTON SEGMENT INCLUDES (PROPOSED) MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY OF LABOR USERY (AND OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS), PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY, AFL-CIO, AND THE ILO OFFICE, AMONG OTHERS. NO APPOINTEES ARE CONFIRMED AS YET. MINISTER BERG IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN WASHINGTON FROM MARCH 21-27. HE HAS BEEN FORCED TO SHORTEN A PLANNED 35-DAY ITINERARY TO 23 DAYS (RETURNING TO LUXEMBOURG ON/ABOUT APRIL 12) TO PREPARE FOR THE APRIL 29 EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETINGS WHICH HE WILL CHAIR AS PART OF THE LUXEMBOURG PRESIDENCY.

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2. PRIOR TO THIS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING, HE PLANS

TO BE IN TOUCH WITH EC COUNTERPARTS SUCH AS FRG LABOR
MINISTER WALTER ARENDT, ABOUT U.S. POLICY TOWARDS THE
ILO SO THAT THE MATTER CAN BE PRODUCTIVELY DISCUSSED IN
GROUP SESSION ON APRIL 29. FOR THIS REASON HE ATTACHES
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO WASHINGTON BRIEFINGS ON
THE ILO QUESTION. MINISTER BERG REFERRED TO HIS MEETING
HERE WITH YOU AND REPEATED HIS REQUEST FOR A REPORT
ON THE RESULTS OF YOUR SPECIAL MISSION. IDEALLY,
OF COURSE, THIS MIGHT BE GIVEN IN PERSON SOMETIME IN
MID-APRIL. ALTERNATIVELY, THIS EMBASSY WOULD BE HAPPY TO
CONVEY YOUR COMMENTS. THE MINISTER WILL BE AWAY FOR THE NEXT
TWO WEEKS BUT EXPRESSED HIS AVAILABILITY ON HIS RETURN
TO DISCUSS U.S. VISIT AND ILO MATTERS. PHILLIPS

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